

To care for him who has borne the battle, and for his widow and orphans."

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The mix-up on the Railroad Rate Bill is supposed to knock galley west the proposed adjournment May 15.

How easy it is to stir up people on some matter of mercy is evidenced by a petition containing 630,054 names and seven miles long, which is to be presented to the English Parliament against the vivisection of dogs.

If the railroads were nearly as badly scared over "unfriendly legislation" as they pretend to be, we would not hear of them ordering new locomotives by the thousand and freight cars by the mile, as they are doing.

Judge Deuel, of Town Topics infamy, says that he will not resign from the bench. That is, he means he will not resign if he can help it. Fortunately, some other people have something to say.

A favorite question before the old-fashioned debating societies was, "Which is the mother of the chicken—the hen that laid the egg, or the one that hatched it?" This same problem will occur as to the paternity of the Hepburn-Dolliver-Tillman Rate bill.

The gist of Germany's swift descent from the tariff war perch is that she has been trying for many years to get along without American goods but failed entirely. She does not want to take any chances on us trying to get along without German goods.

The Germans have gotten ahead of us in the idea of applying the tank car to the shipment of milk. In this way milk is brought clear from Denmark to Berlin. The tank is not only easier and more certainly cleaned than the cans, but is far more economical in handling the milk.

Elliott F. Shepherd, grandson of Wm. H. Vanderbilt, has been sentenced by the French courts to three months imprisonment, \$120 fine, and to pay damages to the parents of the child killed by his automobile last April. He has paid his fine and damages, and the American Ambassador has vainly tried to have the imprisonment remitted. He will have to go to jail.

The French raised \$225,000,000 for the Panama Canal, spent one-third in actual work, wasted one-third, and stole the remainder. France is a good deal farther away from the isthmus than the United States is, and the French papers not at all enterprising. If anybody on the new job gets in any waste and stealage items he can reasonably regard the penitentiary in the light of a future and permanent residence.

Ex-Gov. Odell's friends claim that he is again on top in New York, and so securely, that President Roosevelt and Gov. Higgins see the futility of the attempt to oust him from the Chairmanship of the State Committee. Quite a number of the Anti-Odell men of last year are claimed to have come over, because of the direct-nominations policy, which means political hari-kari for them.

Russia is taking the astonishing course of trying the officers who were taken prisoners, upon their return from captivity in Japan, and unless they are reinstated by the unanimous decision of their fellow-officers will be dismissed in disgrace. The amazing part of this thing is that the men who were actually so near the enemy as to be captured should be singled out for trial and not those who kept so far off during the war that they were in no danger of capture.

The decision of Judge W. N. Evans, also Chairman of the Missouri Democratic Committee, against the right of veterans in Soldiers' Homes to vote splits the Democratic Party in Phelps County and makes it sure that the Republicans will carry the County by a large majority next Fall. His decision, which has been appealed from to the Supreme Court, denied the right of Union soldiers in the Homes to vote and it would also cut out the vote of the Confederate soldiers in the Home at Higginsville.

U. S. Bratten, President of the Arkansas Republican League, says in his address that the steady increase in the Republican vote and the decrease in the Democratic vote in Arkansas has put the latter in the minority and gives the Republicans much confidence in carrying the State. He advises all leagues and league-workers to refuse to pledge themselves to any aspirant for National honors, at least, until they have an opportunity of thoroughly examining the claims of the different candidates.

There is a whole heap of human interest in Mr. Clifford Kelly, of Sistersville, W. Va. Miss Ella Barnhart seems to have been his best girl, but she committed the unpardonable offense of going off and marrying another man, Mr. Kelly, who seems to be of an impulsive temperament, acted very much like all the rest of us have a sneaking thought that we would do. He stole the wedding dress, tore it to shreds, smashed the furniture around, and getting hold of the marriage certificate came it to pieces. Mrs. Partington used to say that there was a great deal of human nature in men and women. Mr. Kelly seems to have his full share of human nature.

## THE PENSION APPROPRIATION BILL.

The following is the full text of the Pension Appropriation Bill, which has passed the House and is now before the Senate, with every likelihood of its prompt passage.

A BILL  
Making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1907, and for other purposes, to-wit:

For army and navy pensions, as follows: For invalids, widows, minor children and dependent relatives, army nurses, and all other pensioners who are now borne on the rolls, or who may hereafter be placed thereon, under the provisions of any and all Acts of Congress, \$33,000,000. Provided, That the appropriation aforesaid for navy pensions shall be paid from the income of the navy pension fund, so far as the same shall be sufficient for that purpose; Provided further, That the amount expended under each of the above items shall be accounted for separately; And provided further, That there is a permanent specific disability within the meaning of the pension laws.

For fees and expenses of examining surgeons, pensions, for services rendered under the fiscal year 1907 \$700,000. And each member of each examining board shall, as now authorized by law, receive the sum of \$2 for the examination of each applicant whenever five or a less number shall be examined on any one day, and \$1 for the examination of each additional applicant on such day; Provided, That if 20 or more applicants appear on one day, no fee shall be paid; If, practically, be examined on said day, and that if fewer examinations be then made, 20 or more having appeared, then there shall be paid for the first examination the fee of \$1 only until 20 examinations shall have been made; Provided further, That no fee shall be paid to any member of an examining board unless personally present and assisting in the examination of applicant; And provided further, That the report of each examining surgeon shall specifically state the rating which he judges the applicant is entitled to, and the report of such examining surgeon shall specifically and accurately set forth the physical condition of the applicant, each and every existing disability being fully and carefully described. The reports of the special examining surgeons of the Bureau of Pensions shall be open to inspection and copy by the applicant or his attorney, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe; And provided further, That no pensioner shall be entitled to receive any compensation for services rendered in securing the introduction of a bill or the passage thereof through Congress granting pension or increase of pension; and any person who shall, directly or indirectly, contract for, demand, receive, or retain any compensation for such services shall be deemed guilty of an offense, and upon conviction thereof shall, for each and every such offense, be fined not exceeding \$500, or imprisoned not exceeding two years, or both, in the discretion of the court.

For salaries of 18 agents for the payment of pensions, at \$4,000 each, \$72,000.

For clerk hire, and other services, \$435,000: Provided, That the amount of clerk hire, and other services, for each agent shall be paid in proportion to the number of pensioners paid at each agency, and the salaries paid shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

For rents, New York, \$4,500; Washington, \$2,500; in all \$7,000.

For stationery, fuel, lights, and other necessary expenses, \$20,000.

For examination and inspection of pension agencies, as provided by the final provision of the Act of Aug. 8, 1890, and section 4766, Revised Statutes, \$1,500.

The main feature of interest in this bill is the provision "That age is a permanent, specific disability within the meaning of the pension laws." This specifically enacts Order No. 78 and places the principle underlying it upon the Statute Book beyond the reach of change of mind of any future Commissioner of Pensions, Secretary of the Interior or President of the United States, even. It will become part of the laws of the land and settle definitely that every veteran who served 90 days in the army or navy of the United States during the war of the rebellion, was honorably discharged, and has attained the age of 62, is entitled by those facts to be placed upon the pension roll. In the report of the House Committee accompanying the Appropriation Bill Order No. 78 is described as follows:

"Under date of March 15, 1904, an order was issued to take effect April 13, 1904, providing that in the adjudication of pension claims under the act of June 27, 1890, as amended, it should be taken into consideration, as an evidential fact, if the country did not appear, and if all other legal requirements were properly met, that when a claimant has passed the age of 62 years he would be deemed one-half disabled, and to perform manual labor and would be entitled to be rated at \$6 per month; after 65 years, at \$8 per month; after 70 years, at \$10 per month, and after 75 years, at \$12 per month."

Pension Commissioner Vespasian Warner has accepted this order cordially and is endeavoring to faithfully carry out its spirit and at once apply its benefits to all who are entitled to them. The allowances under the Order from the date of its issue April 13, 1904, to Jan. 31, 1906, inclusive, indicate this very clearly, as the following table of allowances under it will show:

Originals.	No.	Amount
At \$6 per month.	10,586	\$63,516
At \$8 per month.	4,584	36,672
At \$10 per month.	1,418	14,180
At \$12 per month.	2,413	28,956
Total.	19,944	143,794

Increases.	No.	Increase	Total
From \$6 to \$8.	12,305	\$24,610	\$88,126
From \$8 to \$10.	3,448	32,782	120,908
From \$10 to \$12.	2,413	28,956	149,864
From \$12 to \$14.	1,418	14,180	164,044
From \$14 to \$16.	1,418	14,180	178,224
From \$16 to \$18.	1,418	14,180	192,404
From \$18 to \$20.	1,418	14,180	206,584
From \$20 to \$22.	1,418	14,180	220,764
From \$22 to \$24.	1,418	14,180	234,944
From \$24 to \$26.	1,418	14,180	249,124
From \$26 to \$28.	1,418	14,180	263,304
From \$28 to \$30.	1,418	14,180	277,484
From \$30 to \$32.	1,418	14,180	291,664
From \$32 to \$34.	1,418	14,180	305,844
From \$34 to \$36.	1,418	14,180	319,964
From \$36 to \$38.	1,418	14,180	334,144
From \$38 to \$40.	1,418	14,180	348,324
From \$40 to \$42.	1,418	14,180	362,504
From \$42 to \$44.	1,418	14,180	376,684
From \$44 to \$46.	1,418	14,180	390,864
From \$46 to \$48.	1,418	14,180	405,044
From \$48 to \$50.	1,418	14,180	419,224
From \$50 to \$52.	1,418	14,180	433,404
From \$52 to \$54.	1,418	14,180	447,584
From \$54 to \$56.	1,418	14,180	461,764
From \$56 to \$58.	1,418	14,180	475,944
From \$58 to \$60.	1,418	14,180	490,124
From \$60 to \$62.	1,418	14,180	504,304
From \$62 to \$64.	1,418	14,180	518,484
From \$64 to \$66.	1,418	14,180	532,664
From \$66 to \$68.	1,418	14,180	546,844
From \$68 to \$70.	1,418	14,180	561,024
From \$70 to \$72.	1,418	14,180	575,204
From \$72 to \$74.	1,418	14,180	589,384
From \$74 to \$76.	1,418	14,180	603,564
From \$76 to \$78.	1,418	14,180	617,744
From \$78 to \$80.	1,418	14,180	631,924
From \$80 to \$82.	1,418	14,180	646,104
From \$82 to \$84.	1,418	14,180	660,284
From \$84 to \$86.	1,418	14,180	674,464
From \$86 to \$88.	1,418	14,180	688,644
From \$88 to \$90.	1,418	14,180	702,824
From \$90 to \$92.	1,418	14,180	717,004
From \$92 to \$94.	1,418	14,180	731,184
From \$94 to \$96.	1,418	14,180	745,364
From \$96 to \$98.	1,418	14,180	759,544
From \$98 to \$100.	1,418	14,180	773,724
From \$100 to \$102.	1,418	14,180	787,904
From \$102 to \$104.	1,418	14,180	802,084
From \$104 to \$106.	1,418	14,180	816,264
From \$106 to \$108.	1,418	14,180	830,444
From \$108 to \$110.	1,418	14,180	844,624
From \$110 to \$112.	1,418	14,180	858,804
From \$112 to \$114.	1,418	14,180	872,984
From \$114 to \$116.	1,418	14,180	887,164
From \$116 to \$118.	1,418	14,180	901,344
From \$118 to \$120.	1,418	14,180	915,524
From \$120 to \$122.	1,418	14,180	929,704
From \$122 to \$124.	1,418	14,180	943,884
From \$124 to \$126.	1,418	14,180	958,064
From \$126 to \$128.	1,418	14,180	972,244
From \$128 to \$130.	1,418	14,180	986,424
From \$130 to \$132.	1,418	14,180	1,000,604
From \$132 to \$134.	1,418	14,180	1,014,784
From \$134 to \$136.	1,418	14,180	1,028,964
From \$136 to \$138.	1,418	14,180	1,043,144
From \$138 to \$140.	1,418	14,180	1,057,324
From \$140 to \$142.	1,418	14,180	1,071,504
From \$142 to \$144.	1,418	14,180	1,085,684
From \$144 to \$146.	1,418	14,180	1,100,864
From \$146 to \$148.	1,418	14,180	1,115,044
From \$148 to \$150.	1,418	14,180	1,129,224
From \$150 to \$152.	1,418	14,180	1,143,404
From \$152 to \$154.	1,418	14,180	1,157,584
From \$154 to \$156.	1,418	14,180	1,171,764
From \$156 to \$158.	1,418	14,180	1,185,944
From \$158 to \$160.	1,418	14,180	1,200,124
From \$160 to \$162.	1,418	14,180	1,214,304
From \$162 to \$164.	1,418	14,180	1,228,484
From \$164 to \$166.	1,418	14,180	1,242,664
From \$166 to \$168.	1,418	14,180	1,256,844
From \$168 to \$170.	1,418	14,180	1,271,024
From \$170 to \$172.	1,418	14,180	1,285,204
From \$172 to \$174.	1,418	14,180	1,299,384
From \$174 to \$176.	1,418	14,180	1,313,564
From \$176 to \$178.	1,418	14,180	1,327,744
From \$178 to \$180.	1,418	14,180	1,341,924
From \$180 to \$182.	1,418	14,180	1,356,104
From \$182 to \$184.	1,418	14,180	1,370,284
From \$184 to \$186.	1,418	14,180	1,384,464
From \$186 to \$188.	1,418	14,180	1,398,644
From \$188 to \$190.	1,418	14,180	1,412,824
From \$190 to \$192.	1,418	14,180	1,427,004
From \$192 to \$194.	1,418	14,180	1,441,184
From \$194 to \$196.	1,418	14,180	1,455,364
From \$196 to \$198.	1,418	14,180	1,469,544
From \$198 to \$200.	1,418	14,180	1,483,724
From \$200 to \$202.	1,418	14,180	1,497,904
From \$202 to \$204.	1,418	14,180	1,512,084
From \$204 to \$206.	1,418	14,180	1,526,264
From \$206 to \$208.	1,418	14,180	1,540,444
From \$208 to \$210.	1,418	14,180	1,554,624
From \$210 to \$212.	1,418	14,180	1,568,804
From \$212 to \$214.	1,418	14,180	1,582,984
From \$214 to \$216.	1,418	14,180	1,597,164
From \$216 to \$218.	1,418	14,180	1,611,344
From \$218 to \$220.	1,418	14,180	1,625,524
From \$220 to \$222.	1,418	14,180	1,639,704
From \$222 to \$224.	1,418	14,180	1,653,884
From \$224 to \$226.	1,418	14,180	1,668,064
From \$226 to \$228.	1,418	14,180	1,682,244
From \$228 to \$230.	1,418	14,180	1,696,424
From \$230 to \$232.	1,418	14,180	1,710,604
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From \$240 to \$242.	1,418	14,180	1,781,504
From \$242 to \$244.	1,418	14,180	1,795,684
From \$244 to \$246.	1,418	14,180	1,809,864
From \$246 to \$248.	1,418	14,180	1,824,044
From \$248 to \$250.	1,418	14,180	1,838,224
From \$250 to \$252.	1,418	14,180	1,852,404
From \$252 to \$254.	1,418	14,180	1,866,584
From \$254 to \$256.	1,418	14,180	1,880,764
From \$256 to \$258.	1,418	14,180	1,894,944
From \$258 to \$260.	1,418	14,180	1,909,124
From \$260 to \$262.	1,418	14,180	1,923,304
From \$262 to \$264.	1,418	14,180	1,937,484
From \$264 to \$266.	1,418	14,180	1,951,664
From \$266 to \$268.	1,418	14,180	1,965,844
From \$268 to \$270.	1,418	14,180	1,980,024
From \$270 to \$272.	1,418	14,180	1,994,204
From \$272 to \$274.	1,418	14,180	2,008,384
From \$274 to \$276.	1,418	14,180	2,022,564
From \$276 to \$278.	1,418	14,180	2,036,744
From \$278 to \$280.	1,418	14,180	2,050,924
From \$280 to \$282.	1,418	14,180	2,065,104
From \$282 to \$284.	1,418	14,180	2,079,284
From \$284 to \$286.	1,418	14,180	2,093,464
From \$286 to \$288.	1,418	14,180	2,107,644
From \$288 to \$290.	1,418	14,180	2,121,824
From \$290 to \$292.	1,418	14,180	2,136,004
From \$292 to \$294.	1,418	14,180	2,150,184
From \$294 to \$296.	1,418	14,180	2,164,364
From \$296 to \$298.	1,418	14,180	2,178,544
From \$298 to \$300.	1,418	14,180	2,192,724
From \$300 to \$302.	1,418	14,180	2,206,904
From \$302 to \$304.	1,418	14,180	2,221,084